

Composting in Your Backyard



DON'T ADD...

- ◆ Animal byproducts or leftovers containing fats, oils, or seasonings
- ◆ Animal feces and cat litter to your compost pile

PLACEMENT

- ◆ Keep in a contained and closed receptacle, not a generalized space in your backyard
- ◆ Keep away from overgrowth as to not invite animals

WHAT TO ADD

- ◆ yard and garden waste
- ◆ Old vegetables, fruits, or legumes FROM YOUR GARDEN; letting them rot in your yard can attract critters

TAKING CARE

Turning your pile and keeping it moist will increase the temperature and speed up decomposition. It will also discourage animals that are looking for a dry, undisturbed bed





What is the Best Compost Method for YOUR home?



FOOD RELATED COMPOST

Curbside composting is the best way to handle food waste! Here are some curbside businesses:

BOOTSTRAP COMPOST

GARBAGE TO GARDEN



YARD WASTE COMPOST

For yard waste compost, be sure to carefully construct your bin. Rats usually bite through and nest in plastic bins. Here are some tips for constructing your own:

- Wrap your entire bin in wire mesh
- Use a secure, tight-fitting lid
- Lay the bin on a solid foundation of concrete or patio stones that are 3 (7.62) to 4 inches (10.16 cm)



For instructions on building a welded wire bin see:
<http://ccetompkins.org/resources/compost-welded-wire-bin-for-compost>

